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Connectivity of Tourist Centre
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalized any action plan for better road connectivity of tourist centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project -wise along with the financial allocation for each project; and
(c) the extent to which Goa, being a favourite tourist destination, is likely to benefit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs, including the NHs connecting tourist centres, are accordingly taken up as per available resources, inter-se priority and traffic density to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The total length of NHs at present is about 1,13,298 km. Further, about 56,000 km of State Roads have been approved In-Principle for declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs); initiatives have been taken up for preparation of the DPRs.

The Ministry has also taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, along with integration with Sagarmala, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) etc., under proposed new programmes. However, these programmes are yet to be formally launched.

Allocations of funds for development of NHs are made State/ Union Territory(UT)/ Scheme-wise and not project-wise. The State/UT-wise details of allocation of funds for development of NHs during 2016-17 is annexed.

(c) The existing NH length in the State of Goa is about 262 km; further, about 406 km length of State Roads in the State has been approved in-Principle for declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their DPRs. The initiatives have already been taken up for preparation of the DPRs.